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FISH AND GAME COMMISSION DECIDES NOT TO APPEAL SPRING-RUN CHINOOK SALMON COURT ORDER

ALTURAS - Meeting in executive session on April 3, 1997, the California Fish and Game Commission has chosen to forego an appeal of the San Francisco Superior Court's decision which ordered the Commission to make the spring-run chinook salmon a candidate for listing under the California Endangered Species Act. The Commission's determination not to appeal the court order has no immediate effect on the legal status of the species. The Commission will obey the court order to make the spring-run chinook salmon a candidate species. In order to comply, the Commission has established a schedule to take the required action concerning management of the candidacy and to receive public comment and any recommendations from the Department of Fish and Game. The Commission has powers under the California Endangered Species Act pursuant to Section 2084, Fish and Game Code, to manage candidate species. The Commission's schedule will be as follows:

June 12-13 at Bridgeport: Receive public comment and recommendations from the Department of Fish and Game.

July 31-August 1 at Santa Barbara: Receive additional public comment; take regulatory action to make species a candidate and other applicable regulatory action.

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